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The breaking down an old frame of government, and erecting a new, seems like the cutting down an old oak and planting a young one: it is true, the grandson may enjoy the shade and the mast, but the planter, besides the pleasure of imagination, has no other benefit.

As a savage boar,  
With forest mast and fatning marshes fed,  
When once he fees himself in toils inclos'd,  
Whets his tusks.  
Wond'ring dolphins o'er the palace glide;  
On leaves and mast of mighty oaks they brouze,  
And their broad fins entangle in the boughs.  
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MA'STER. *n. f.* [*meſter*, Dutch; *maître*, French; *magiſter*, Latin.]

1. One who has servants; opposed to man or servant.  
But now I was the lord  
Of this fair mansion, *maſter* of my ſervants,  
Queen o'er myſelf; and even now, but now,  
This houſe, theſe ſervants, and this fame myſelf  
Are yours my lord.  
Take up thy *maſter*.  
My lord Baſſanio gave his ring away  
Unto the judge that begg'd it;  
The boy, his clerk, begg'd mine;  
And neither man nor *maſter* would take aught  
But the two rings.

2. A director; a governor.  
If thou be made the *maſter* of a feaſt, be among them as  
one of the reſt.  
My friend, my genius, come along,  
Thou *maſter* of the poet, and the ſong.  
3. Owner; proprietor.  
An orator, who had undertaken to make a panegyrick on  
Alexander the Great, and who had employed the ſtrongeſt  
figures of his rhetoric in the praife of Bucephalus, would  
do quite the contrary to that which was expected from him;  
becauſe it would be believed, that he rather took the horſe  
for his ſubject than the *maſter*.  
4. A lord; a ruler.  
Wiſdom and virtue are the proper qualifications in the  
*maſter* of a houſe.  
There Cæſar, grac'd with both Minerva's, throne,  
Cæſar, the world's great *maſter*, and his own.  
The pride of royal blood, that checks my ſoul:  
You know, alas! I was not born to kneel,  
To ſue for pity, and to own a *maſter*.  
5. Chief; head.  
Chief *maſter*-gunner am I of this town,  
Something I muſt do to procure me grace.  
As a wife *maſter*-builder I have laid the foundation, and  
another buildeth thereon.  
The beſt ſets are the heads got from the very tops of the  
root; the next are the runners, which ſpread from the *maſter*  
roots.  
6. Poſſeſſor.  
When I have thus made myſelf *maſter* of a hundred thou-  
ſand drachms, I ſhall naturally ſet myſelf on the foot of a  
prince, and will demand the grand vizier's daughter in  
marriage.  
The duke of Savoy may make himſelf *maſter* of the French  
dominions on the other ſide of the Rhone.  
7. Commander of a trading ſhip.  
An unhappy *maſter* is he that is made cunning by many  
ſhipwrecks; a miſerable merchant, that is neither rich nor  
wiſe, but after ſome bankrupts.  
A failor's wife had cheſnuts in her lap;  
Her huſband's to Aleppo gone, *maſter* o' th' Tyger.  
8. One uncontrouled.  
Let ev'ry man be *maſter* of his time  
Till ſeven at night.  
Great, and increaſing; but by ſea  
He is an abſolute *maſter*.  
9. A compellation of reſpect.  
*Maſter* doctor, you have brought thoſe drugs.  
Stand by, my *maſter*; bring him near the king.  
*Maſters* play here, I will content your pains,  
Something that's brief; and bid, good morrow, general.

10. A young gentleman.  
If gaming does an aged fire entice,  
Then my young *maſter* ſwiftly learns the vice:  
*Maſter* lay with his bedchamber towards the ſouth ſun;  
miſ lodged in a garret, expoſed to the north wind.  
Where there are little *maſters* and miſes in a houſe, where  
are great impediments to the diverſions of the ſervants; the  
only remedy is to bribe them, that they may not tell tales.  
11. One who teaches; a teacher.  
Very few men are wiſe by their own council, or learned

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by their own teaching; for he that was only taught by him-  
ſelf had a fool to his *maſter*.  
To the Jews join the Egyptians, the fiſt *maſters* of learn-  
ing.

*Maſters* and teachers ſhould not raiſe difficulties to their ſcho-  
lars; but ſmooth their way, and help them forwards.  
12. A man eminently ſkilful in practice or ſcience.  
The great mocking *maſter* mock'd not then,  
When he ſaid, Truth was buried here below.  
Spencer and Fairfax, great *maſters* of our language, ſaw  
much farther into the beauties of our numbers than thoſe who  
followed.  
A man muſt not only be able to judge of words and ſtile,  
but he muſt be a *maſter* of them too; he muſt perfectly un-  
derſtand his author's tongue, and abſolutely command his  
own.  
He that does not pretend to painting, is not touch'd at the  
commendation of a *maſter* in that profeſſion.  
No care is taken to improve young men in their own lan-  
guage, that they may thoroughly underſtand, and be *maſters*  
of it.

13. A title of dignity in the univerſities; as, *maſter* of arts.  
To MA'STER. *v. a.* [from the noun.]  
1. To be a *maſter* to; to rule; to govern.  
Ay, good faith,  
And rather father thee, than *maſter* thee.  
2. To conquer; to overpower; to ſubdue.  
Thrice bleſſed they that *maſter* to their blood,  
To undergo ſuch maiden pilgrimage.  
The princes of Germany did not think him ſent to com-  
mand the empire, who was neither able to rule his inſolent  
ſubjects in England, nor *maſter* his rebellious people of Ire-  
land.  
Then comes ſome third party, that *maſters* both plaintiff  
and defendant, and carries away the booty.  
Honour burns in me, not ſo ſincerely bright,  
But pale as fires when *maſter'd* by the light.  
Obſtinacy and wilful neglects muſt be *maſter'd*, even  
though it coſt blows.  
A man can no more juſtly make uſe of another's neceſſity,  
than he that has more ſtrength can ſeize upon a weaker,  
*maſter* him to his obedience, and, with a dagger at his throat,  
offer him death or ſlavery.  
The reformation of an habitual ſinner is a work of time  
and patience; evil cuſtoms muſt be *maſter'd* and ſubdued by  
degrees.  
3. To execute with ſkill.  
I do not take myſelf to be ſo perfect in the tranſactions  
and privileges of Bohemia, as to be fit to handle that part:  
and I will not offer at that I cannot *maſter*.  
MA'STERDOM. *n. f.* [from *maſter*.] Dominion; rule. Not in  
uſe.

You ſhall put  
This night's great buſineſs into my diſpatch,  
Which ſhall to all our nights and days to come  
Give ſolely ſovereign ſway and *maſterdom*.  
MA'STER-HAND. *n. f.* The hand of a man eminently ſkilful.  
Muſick reſembles poetry, in each  
Are nameleſs graces which no methods teach,  
And which a *maſter-hand* alone can reach.  
MA'STER-TEST. *n. f.* Principal jeſt.  
Who ſhall break the *maſter-jeſt*?  
And what, and how, upon the reſt.  
MA'STER-KEY. *n. f.* The key which opens many locks, of  
which the ſubordinate keys open each only one.  
This *maſter-key*  
Frees every lock, and leads us to his perſon.  
MA'STER-LEAVER. *n. f.* One that leaves or deſerts his *maſter*.  
Oh Antony,  
Nobler than my revolt is infamous,  
Forgive me in thine own particular;  
But let the world rank me in regiſter  
A *maſter-leaver*, and a fugitive.

MA'STER-SINEW. *n. f.*  
The *maſter-sinew* is a large ſinew that ſurrounds the hough,  
and divides it from the bone by a hollow place, where the  
wind-galls are uſually ſeated, which is the largeſt and moſt  
viſible ſinew in a horſe's body; this oftentimes is relaxed or  
reſtrained.  
MA'STER-STRING. *n. f.* Principal ſtring.  
He touch'd me  
Ev'n on the tend'reſt point; the *maſter-string*  
That makes moſt harmony or diſcord to me.  
I own the glorious ſubject fires my breaſt.  
MA'STER-STROKE. *n. f.* Capital performance.  
Ye ſkilful *maſters* of Machaon's race,  
Who nature's mazy intricacies trace;  
Tell how your ſearch has here eluded been,  
How oft amaz'd, and raviſh'd you have ſeen,  
The conduct, prudence, and ſtupendous art,  
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MA'STERWORD. *n. f.* [*maſter*, and *word*, Saxon.]  
The *maſterword* is a plant with a roſe and umbellated  
flower, conſiſting of ſeveral petals, which are ſometimes  
heart-shaped, and ſometimes intire, ranged in a circle, and  
reſting on the empalement; which afterward becomes a fruit,  
compoſed of two ſeeds, which are plain, almoſt oval, gently  
freaked and bordered, and generally caſting their cover; to  
theſe marks muſt be added, that their leaves are winged, and  
pretty large: the root is uſed in medicine.  
*Maſterwort* is raiſed of ſeeds, or runners from the roots.

MA'STERY. *n. f.* [*maſtriſe*, French, from *maſter*.]  
1. Dominion; rule.  
If divided by mountains, they will fight for the *maſtery* of  
the palſages of the tops, and for the towns that ſtand upon  
the roots.  
2. Superiority; pre-eminence.  
If a man ſtrive for *maſteries*, yet is he not crown'd except  
he ſtrive lawfully.  
This is the caſe of thoſe that will try *maſteries* with their  
ſuperiors, and bite that which is too hard.

MA'STERLESS. *adj.* [from *maſter*.]  
1. Wanting a *maſter* or owner.  
When all was paſt took up his forlorn weed,  
His ſilver ſhield now idle *maſterleſs*.  
The foul opinion  
You had of her pure honour, gains, or loſes,  
Your ſword or mine, or *maſterleſs* leaves both  
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